

Earth Day, but his actions and the actions of the Republican leadership in this House do not dovetail with real environmental protection. In fact, the opposite is happening, and they continue to work to downgrade the environment and not provide the funding and the apportionment that is necessary to adequately carry out the good environmental laws that are on the books.

I am not going to keep going, Mr. Speaker. I could use a lot of other examples. But I did want to come here tonight to stress what is going on, and I think that hopefully the American people and my colleagues will wake up and realize that this degradation of the environment cannot continue and that the historical commitment that this Congress and that previous Presidents, both Democrat and Republican, have been making on a bipartisan basis to try to improve the quality of our environment should continue and should not be allowed to reverse itself as we have seen in the last year or 18 months into this administration.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. KAPTUR) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. NEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, April 24.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6330. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (RIN: 0575-AC26) received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6331. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's rule—Organization; Loan Policies and Operations; Termination of Farm Credit Status (RIN: 3052-AB86) received April 19, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6332. A letter from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)/TRICARE; Partial Implementation of Pharmacy Benefits Program; Implementation of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (RIN: 0720-AA62) received April 18, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6333. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-D-7517] received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6334. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6335. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6336. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6337. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Registration Form for Insurance Company Separate Accounts Registered as Unit Investment Trusts that Offer Variable Life Insurance Policies [Release Nos. 33-8088; IC-25522; File No. S7-9-98] (RIN: 3235-AG37) received April 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6338. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Beryllium Lymphocyte Proliferation Testing (BeLPT)—received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6339. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guide of Good Practices for Occupational Radiological Protection in Uranium Facilities—received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6340. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. 03-02), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

6341. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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6346. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 2002 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6347. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 1999-2001 Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6348. A letter from the Acting Chairman, National Endowment For The Arts, transmitting the FY 2003 Performance Plan and the FY 1999, FY 2000, and FY 2001 Performance Reports; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6349. A letter from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2001 Program Performance Report and the FY 2003 Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6350. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) (RIN: 1018-AH03) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6351. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the National Marine Fisheries Service Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research, as required by Section 404 (a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; to the Committee on Resources.

6352. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for the Handling of Discrimination Complaints Under Section 519 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (RIN: 1218-AB99) received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6353. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations on Safety Integration Plans Governing Railroad Consolidations, Mergers, and Acquisitions of Control; and Procedures for Surface Transportation Board Consideration of Safety Integration Plans in Cases Involving Railroad Consolidations, Mergers, and Acquisitions of Control [FRA Docket No. 1999-4985, Notice No. 4] received April 19, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6354. A letter from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for Compensation of Air Carriers [Docket OST-2001-10885] (RIN: 2105-AD06) received April 16, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.